

CLAIMS

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A shelf for a barbecue grill having a barbecue grill frame assembly, the shelf comprising:

5 a bottom wall;

a first sidewall depending from the bottom wall; and,

a first quick release member secured to the first sidewall, wherein the first quick release member secures the shelf to the barbecue grill frame assembly in a first position, and wherein the first quick release member adjusts to a second position to allow for detachment of the shelf from the barbecue grill frame assembly.

2. The shelf of claim 1, further comprising a second sidewall depending from the bottom wall, and a second quick release member secured to the second sidewall, wherein the second quick release member secures the shelf to the barbecue grill frame assembly in a first position, and wherein the second quick release member adjusts to a second position to allow for detachment of the shelf from the barbecue grill frame assembly.

3. The shelf of claim 1, wherein the shelf is secured to and removable from the barbecue grill frame assembly without additional hardware.

4. The shelf of claim 1, wherein the first quick release member is a spring member.

5. The shelf of claim 2, wherein the first and second quick release members are spring members.

6. The shelf of claim 1, wherein the bottom wall is substantially planar, and further comprising a second sidewall opposing the first sidewall, a third sidewall, and a fourth sidewall opposing the third sidewall.

7. The shelf of claim 2, wherein the shelf is a wire rack.

8. The shelf of claim 1, wherein the barbecue grill frame assembly has a plurality of leg members and a plurality of cross members extending therebetween, and wherein the quick release member engages one of the cross members of the barbecue grill frame assembly to secure the shelf.

9. The shelf of claim 1, wherein the first quick release member is secured to the bottom wall.

10. A shelf for a barbecue grill having a barbecue grill frame assembly, the frame assembly having a plurality of leg members and a plurality of cross members extending therebetween, the shelf comprising:

a bottom wall;

5 a plurality of sidewalls depending from the bottom wall, the sidewalls having an upstanding portion and a transverse portion; and,

a first spring member secured to the first of the plurality of sidewalls, wherein the first spring member secures the shelf to the barbecue grill frame assembly in a first position, and wherein the first spring member adjusts to a second position to allow for detachment of the shelf from the barbecue grill frame assembly.

11. The shelf of claim 10, further comprising a second spring member secured to a second of the plurality of sidewalls, wherein the second spring member provides additional securement for securing the shelf to the barbecue grill frame assembly when the second spring member is in a first position, and wherein the second spring member adjusts to a second position to allow for detachment of the shelf from the barbecue grill frame assembly.

12. The shelf of claim 10, wherein the sidewalls engage the cross members of the barbecue grill frame assembly.

13. The shelf of claim 12, wherein the transverse portion of the sidewalls of the shelf are positioned on an upper portion of the cross members of the barbecue grill frame assembly.

20 14. The shelf of claim 10, wherein the sidewalls depend from the same material as the bottom wall.

15. The shelf of claim 10, wherein the barbecue grill frame assembly defines an interior space, and wherein the shelf is cooperatively dimensioned with the interior space such that the shelf is positioned within the interior space.

25 16. The shelf of claim 10, wherein the spring member is cooperatively dimensioned such that the spring member is removably received by the barbecue grill frame assembly to removably secure the shelf to the barbecue grill frame assembly.

17. The shelf of claim 10, wherein the sidewalls further comprise a downturned portion depending from the transverse portion, the downturned portion engaging the cross member of the barbecue grill frame assembly.

30 18. A shelf for a barbecue grill having a barbecue grill frame assembly, the shelf comprising:

a bottom wall and a quick release member depending from the shelf, wherein the quick release member secures the shelf to the barbecue grill frame assembly in a first position, and wherein the quick release member adjusts to a second position to allow for detachment of the shelf from the barbecue grill frame assembly.

5 19. The shelf of claim 18, further comprising a second quick release member depending from the shelf, wherein the second quick release member secures another portion of the shelf to the barbecue grill frame assembly when the second quick release member is in a first position, and wherein the second quick release member adjusts to a second position to allow for detachment of the other portion of the shelf from the barbecue grill frame assembly.

10 20. The shelf of claim 18, wherein the quick release member is a spring member.

 21. A shelf for a barbecue grill having a barbecue grill frame assembly, the barbecue grill frame assembly formed from a plurality of leg members and a plurality of cross members extending therebetween, the frame assembly defining an interior space, the shelf comprising:

15 a bottom member and a plurality of sidewalls depending from the bottom member, the sidewalls having a downturned portion, wherein the shelf is fabricated to be generally positioned within the interior space of the frame assembly such that the downturned portion of opposing sidewalls engages opposing cross members, respectively, of the barbecue grill frame assembly to seat the shelf.

20 22. The shelf of claim 21, further comprising a flexible securing member depending from the shelf to fixedly secure the shelf to the barbecue grill frame assembly.

25 23. The shelf of claim 22, wherein the securing member is adapted to move between a second position, wherein the securing member is adapted to slidingly engage a portion of an inner wall of the cross member of the barbecue grill frame assembly, and a first position, wherein the securing member lockingly engages a portion of a bottom wall of the cross member of the barbecue grill frame assembly.

 24. The shelf of claim 23, wherein the securing member is biased towards the first position.

30 25. The shelf of claim 21, wherein the sidewalls comprise a U-shaped member depending from the bottom member, each U-shaped member engaging one of the cross-members of the barbecue grill frame assembly to seat the shelf on the barbecue grill frame assembly.

 26. The shelf of claim 21, further comprising two pairs of opposing sidewalls.